workers as the procedure of grant of emigration clearance to them on the basis of affidavits by the local recruiting agents has been found to be by and large satisfactory.

Pakistan Involvement in Plane Hijacking

65. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that intelligence reports probing the IC-814 hijack have credible evidence to prove that Pakistan was actively involved not only in planning the hijack to the last step but also in training and briefing the hijackers; and

(b) whether Government have taken up the matter with other foreign countries to declare Pakistan as terrorist State and if so, with what result?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) Available evidence with Government points in the direction of Pakistan's complicity in the hijacking of Indian Airline flight IC 814. Government have taken up the matter with the Government of Pakistan and reminded it of its obligations under various international conventions, to which Pakistan is party, and to extradite the hijackers to India for due judicial process.

Government have also taken up with a number of countries the matter of Pakistan's sponsorship of terrorism against India, of which the hijacking of IC 814 was an example. There is now widespread concern expressed by the international community at the existence, on Pakistani territory, of a large network of terrorist organizations and the support and patronage that they receive from the Government of Pakistan.